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ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING THE PERMEABILITY OF WRAPPERS
OF ROD-SHAPED ARTICLES**

Sir:

Please find attached hereto patent application. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

- ☒ 43 pages Specification, Claims, Abstract
- ☒ 2 sheets of Formal Drawings
- ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ Assignment, certified cover sheet and recordation fee.
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No.100 04 908.7 filed February 4, 2000 (certified copy enclosed) **and** 100 04 906.4 filed February 4, 2000 (certified copy to follow).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO form 1449 with references cited.


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